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WEST VIRGINIA HOG AND PIG INVENTORY

Charleston, West Virginia - Inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2018, was 4,000 head, down 20 percent from December 1, 2017. Of the 4,000 head, 1,000 were for breeding, unchanged from 2017. The breakdown of the remaining 3,000 market hogs and pigs was as follows: 1,000 head were under 50 pounds; 500 head were from 50-119 pounds; 500 head were from 120-179 pounds; and 1,000 head were 180 pounds and over.

Annual pig crop totaled 6,100 head, 7 percent more than the 2017 pig crop of 5,700 head. Sows farrowing from December 2017 through November 2018 totaled 800 head, up 14 percent from the previous year. Pigs per litter averaged 7.63 pigs, down 6 percent from the 2017 average of 8.14 pigs per litter.

United States - Inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2018 was 74.6 million head. This was up 2 percent from December 1, 2017, but down 1 percent from September 1, 2018.

Breeding inventory, at 6.33 million head, was up 2 percent from last year, but down slightly from the previous quarter.

Market hog inventory, at 68.2 million head, was up 2 percent from last year, but down 1 percent from last quarter.

The September-November 2018 pig crop, at 34.0 million head, was up 2 percent from 2017. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 3.16 million head, up 2 percent from 2017. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 50 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high of 10.76 for the September-November period, compared to 10.74 last year.

United States hog producers intend to have 3.11 million sows farrow during the December-February 2019 quarter, up 2 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2018, and up 4 percent from 2017. Intended farrowings for March-May 2019, at 3.15 million sows, are up 2 percent from 2018, and up 4 percent from 2017.

The total number of hogs under contract owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 47 percent of the total United States hog inventory, unchanged from the previous year.

Revisions - All inventory and pig crop estimates for March 2017 through September 2018 were reviewed using final pig crop, official slaughter, death loss, and updated import and export data. The revision made to the September 2018 all hogs and pigs inventory was 0.7 percent. The net revision made to the June 2018 all hogs and pigs inventory was 0.8 percent. A revision of 0.7 percent was made to the March-May 2018 pig crop. The net revision made to the March 2018 all hogs and pigs inventory was 0.2 percent. A net revision of 0.7 percent was made to the December 2017-February 2018 pig crop. The net revision made to December 2017 all hogs and pigs inventory was 0.3 percent. A net revision of less than 0.1 percent was made to the September-November 2017 pig crop.